

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**RS20721**

This bill appropriates additional funds to the Secretary of State in fiscal year 2011 to pay legal costs from the case of Idaho Republican Party vs. Secretary of State of the State of Idaho regarding the constitutionality of mandating open primary elections. U.S. District Court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, Idaho Republican Party, and the Secretary of State needs additional funds in the current year to pay the plaintiff's legal fees.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill appropriates \$100,000, one-time, from the General Fund to the Secretary of State for operating expenses in fiscal year 2011.

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